

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, November 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. The Clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed John Maul, Stan Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Also present were Treasurer Craig Droppers and Clerk Sharon Claerbaut.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Stan, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 12, 2009 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Stan, seconded by John, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up-to-date.

Public Input: Don gave a brief report on the complaint of many cats bothering a neighbor. Constable, Doug Janes, had stated that the problem has pretty much been resolved. Sharon commented on the Cedar Grove-Belgium School District referendum vote, and stated that she had billed the district for the entire cost of the election day because there was no other need for an election. In cases like this the school district is responsible for the entire cost of the election.

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Reports were presented by Craig. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Two more vouchers were added, those being a Verizon bill for the fax machine, and the Sheboygan County Highway Dept. bill. Motion by John, seconded by Stan, to approve the voucher list with the additions. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There are still two I-43 fire calls that have been billed, but to date there have been no replies. These will be billed to the State.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None. Don reported on possible changes to zoning that Jamie Rybarczyk is working on.

Adopt final tax levy and the 2010 Budget per Statute 60.40(4). Motion by Stan, seconded by Don, to adopt the final tax levy of \$605,213 and the 2010 Budget as it has been presented. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and decisions with regard to terms for appointed town officials. There was some discussion on this matter. Motion by Don, seconded by Dave, to appoint the clerk, treasurer, Board of Appeals expiring terms, Plan Commission expiring terms, and the Weed Commissioner, at the regular Board meeting in March with terms to begin May 1st, and that the Town Board Committee appointments well be in done at the May meeting to be effective immediately. Dave-Yes, Martin-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes, John-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Joint Powers Agreement for the County 911 Emergency System. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to sign the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on a request by Sheboygan Economic Development Corporation for financial support. Motion by Stan, seconded by Don, to decline financial support for the Sheboygan Economic Development Corporation because we lack the infrastructure and our Comprehensive Plan calls for maintaining rural character and maintain family farms. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on the issue of waste to be accepted at the Recycling Center. Don reported that the Board is looking at revising the ordinance's Article II, section 90 to reflect changes that are being considered. He had presented a list of things that could be done to save money at the Recycling Center. This list includes:

1. Eliminating taking in truck and tractor tires, and accept only waste tires from passenger vehicles and light trucks.
2. Stop taking construction waste, thereby eliminating one of the 40 yard dumpsters. We could, however, accept materials that were smaller and could fit into the compactor. Residents could cut up larger pieces so that they could fit in the compactor.
3. Place fees on household furnishing.
4. Stop accepting electronic waste.
5. Remind all business owners that it is illegal for them to use the recycling center.

Don will follow up on electronic waste rules. Attorney Gerry Antoine will be consulted about some of these matters.

Discuss/act on donation to the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. (This is the organization that microfilms and catalogs some of our records.) Motion by Martin, seconded by Stan, to give a \$200 contribution to the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administration – John reported on the DeMaster Road drainage issue. He said that the Land Conservation Dept. has done elevation studies for us, but has not done from Hoftiezer Road south. The next step is to come up with some costs and talk with land owners. Permits from the DNR will be needed. The Board was in agreement that the Town would cover the cost of the permit if landowners will cover the cost of the work.

Roads – Stan reported that there was a nice surprise when the Hoitink Road blacktopping came in \$50,000 under budget. This went to DeMater Road, and had enough left to patch the Town Hall parking lot. They also found out that the culvert at Cardinal Lane was \$6,000 below budget because it did not need to be replaced. It had filled with silt, but when it was cleaned out, the pipe was still good.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – The Recycling Center was already discussed. Martin reported that they are considering sweeping the beach at Amsterdam Park at intervals because of debris that is left from bonfires and careless disposal of glass, etc.

Public Safety – Dave reported that there were 35 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in October, with 12 warnings, 4 citations, and one felony possession of marijuana. Dave also reported on Fire Departments. A couple of months ago the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. was told to go ahead with pagers. The new tires turned out to be in their budget, so tires were ordered. The Oostburg Fire Dept. is running over budget. They will try to push this into the 2010 Budget. Oostburg will need pagers also, and will face that in over the next years. The Village of Oostburg is planning to bill for water for fires. Their proposal is that the first round out (8000 gallons) will not be billed, but that water beyond that will be \$2.90 per 1000 gallons, and that there will be a \$30 hook up fee per fire. Sharon is to check if the Oostburg Fire Dept. bills for I-43 fire calls. From now on we are to bill all I-43 fire calls directly to the insurance companies involved.

Public Input: Craig said that at the Sheboygan County Unit of the Town Association meeting, Dan LeMahieu had sent along Blue Books, so Craig has them for any Board members who want them.

A closed session to discuss the negotiations with the Village of Cedar Grove regarding the fire department agreement. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to go into closed session. Dave-Yes, Martin-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes, John-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:38 P.M.

Motion by Martin, seconded by John, to come out of closed session. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 9:55 P.M.

Don reported that Dave provided the Board with an update on the status of the negotiations with the Village of Cedar Grove regarding the renewal of the joint fire department agreement. Dave is planning on meeting with Mark Post sometime in the coming week to go over the remaining three items on which agreement is needed to finalize the joint fire department agreement. The Town Board is willing to have a special meeting of the Town Board in the latter half of December, possibly a joint meeting with the Village Board, to take final action to approve the new joint fire

department agreement. This assumes that Mark Post and Dave Huenink are able to complete the work on the agreement by that time.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: All in the packet

Motion by John, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk